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(b), (d).

(C) On August 29, Poloff delivered reftel points to the Ayesha Farhat, the Assistant Director for the United Nations Division at the MFA, on rejecting Russia's recognition of South Ossetia and Abkhazia as independent states (Ref A) and rebutting Russia's spurious claims regarding the ceasefire agreement (Ref B). Similar to its stance on the independence of Kosovo, Pakistan desires to remain neutral on the Russia/Georgia matter and does not want to get involved unless otherwise directed by the Organization of Islamic Council (OIC), said Farhat. More importantly, Farhat noted that the Russia/Georgia conflict is "too far flung geographically" for Pakistan to become involved or to take a stance on the matter. She explained to Poloff that she would give the two matters due consideration and would provide any follow up information as it was provided to her.
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